

The Divine Service
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2020

Sola Fide
FAITH ALONE

AS WE GATHER

Sola Fide- is a Latin term for Faith alone. Faith is only as good as its object. Faith in Christ is bold only because of its object- Jesus Christ. When the One that you believe in is the crucified and risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord, the very Son of God, enthroned at the right hand of the Father, then your faith will be bold. Martin Luther writes: "Faith is a vital, deliberate trust in God's grace, so certain that it would die a thousand times for it." (FC SD IV, 12) He is simply echoing the book of Hebrews. "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) *Sola Fide* means that faith is never alone: it always has its object, and when the object of faith is *Sola Christi*, then we know that Christ has done it all, for you!

Call to Worship / Check In

Words of Welcome/Theme of the Day

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow His guidance, and our reluctance to bear the cross. We acknowledge that we are by nature sinful and unclean and know in our hearts that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.
People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Forgive us for all that is amiss in our lives, as we continually break Your commands. Forgive us that we have not always been fruitful plantings in Your vineyard.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

Processional Hymn "By Grace I'm Saved"

LSB 566 verses 1-3



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it



Has Scrip-ture ev - er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.

Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Old Testament

Proverbs 3:1-6

Pastor: My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 3:21-28

Pastor: But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 11:22-24

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

"As the Deer"

Adult Choir

Sermon

"Sola Fide"

Pastor Scott Henze

Apostles' Creed

People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear Our Prayer"

Gathering of Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Benediction

Recessional Verse "By Grace I'm Saved" *LSB 566 verses 4-6*



4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is
5 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble, In trib - u - la - tion's
6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; In Je - sus' prom - ise



true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,
fur - nace tried, By grace, in spite of fear and trou - ble,
I re - joice; For though I know my heart's con - di - tion,



What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our
The Fa - ther's heart is o - pen wide. Where could I help and
I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is glad, all



God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.
strength se - cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?
grief has flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

Dismissal

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as...

People: **Disciples making disciples.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**



Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the Animals - TODAY Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 PM here at St. Paul spread out on the front lawn area. Bring your pet for this special blessing in honor of St. Francis Day. Pet Parade, music, raffles and more!

At the event we will also collect items on behalf of the Broward County Humane Society. They are in need of:

- New or Used Cloth Towels
- Paper Towels
- Gallon Sized Ziplock Bags
- Tissue
- Laundry Detergent
- Dishwasher Gel or Soap
- Sanitizer
- Office Supplies
- Rubber Chew Toys
- Ping-pong Balls for Cats
- Dog or Cat Treats

Call the church office at 954-384-9096 for more information.

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for children and Youth at 9:45 AM—Via Zoom

Adult Bible Study in person or livestreamed at 10:00 AM